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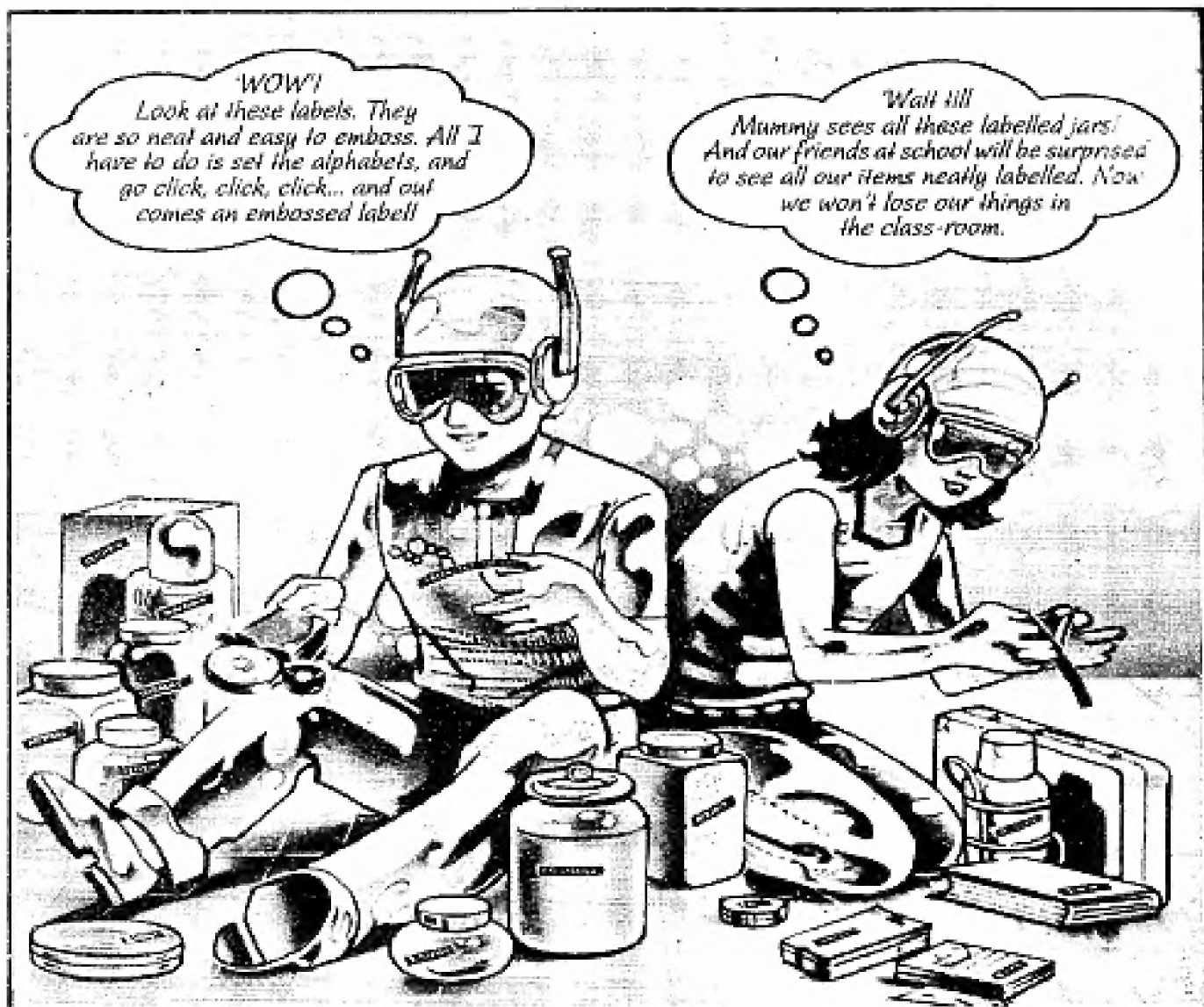
THE FORTNIGHTLY  
FOR CHILDREN  
FROM THE HOUSE OF  
AMAR CHITRA KATHA

COMETS

A TALE OF  
TWO NEIGHBOURS

ANIMAL EATING HABITS



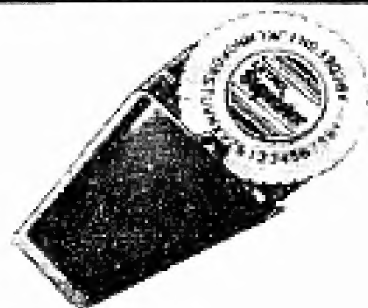


*"WOW!"  
Look at these labels. They  
are so neat and easy to emboss. All I  
have to do is set the alphabets, and  
go click, click, click... and out  
comes an embossed label!*

*"Wait till  
Mummy sees all these labelled jars!  
And our friends at school will be surprised  
to see all our items neatly labelled. Now  
we won't lose our things in  
the class-room."*



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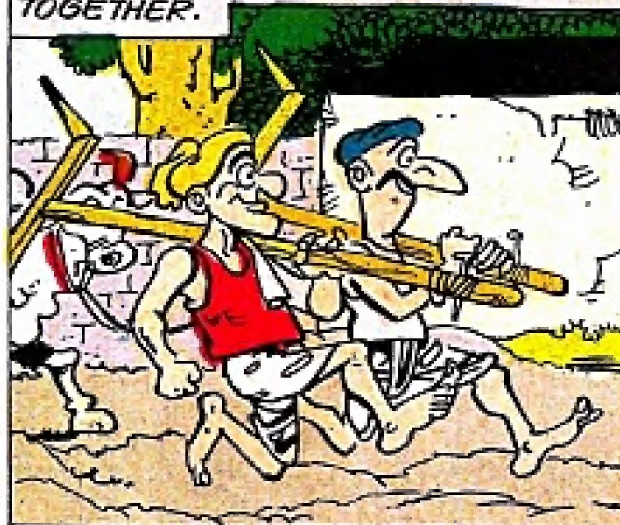
# A TALE OF TWO NEIGHBOURS

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Appaswami

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Ram Waeerkar

NAGACHANDRA AND BALACHANDRA WERE NOT ONLY NEIGHBOURS AND CLOSE FRIENDS, THEY ALSO TILLED THE LAND TOGETHER.

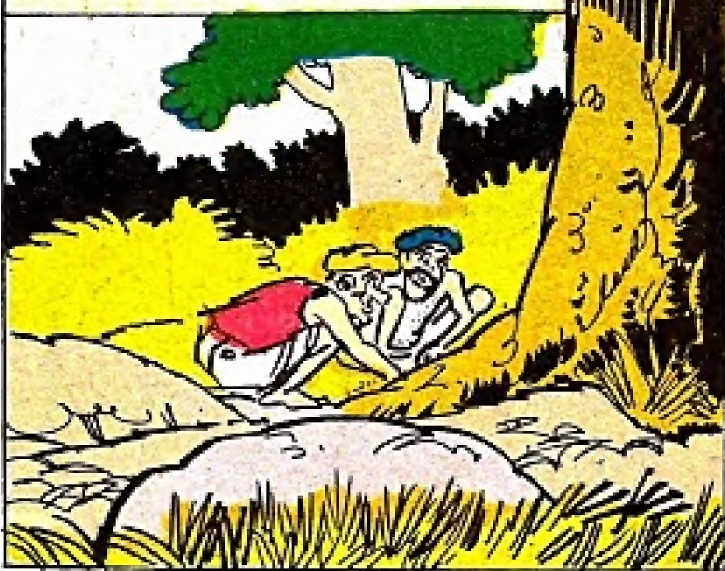


ONE DAY —





THE TWO FRIENDS BURIED THE TREASURE UNDER A MANGO TREE.



THAT NIGHT BALACHANDRA HAD NO SLEEP

SHALL I OR SHALL I NOT...



NO! I WILL ONLY TAKE HALF.



BUT I COULD GET IT ALL IF I ACT NOW...



SO BALACHANDRA LEFT HIS HOUSE.



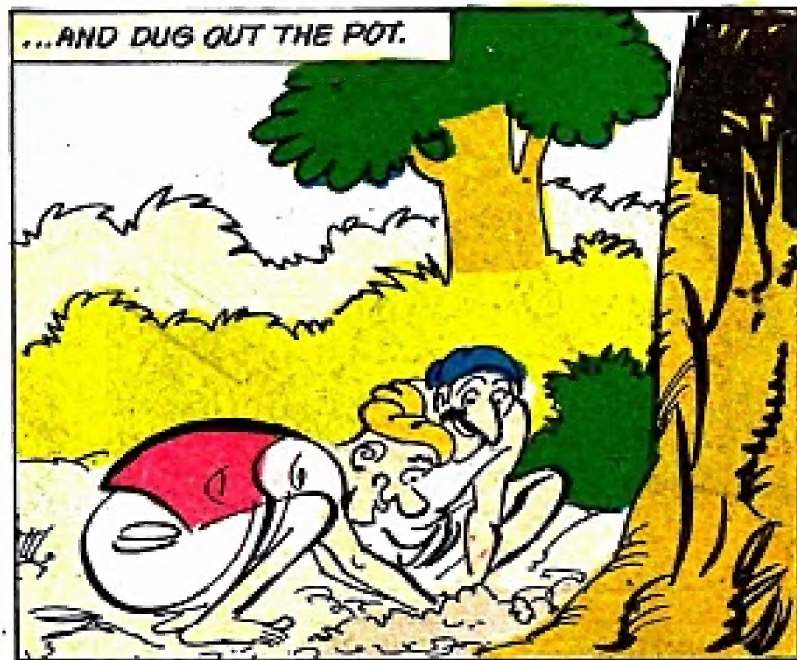
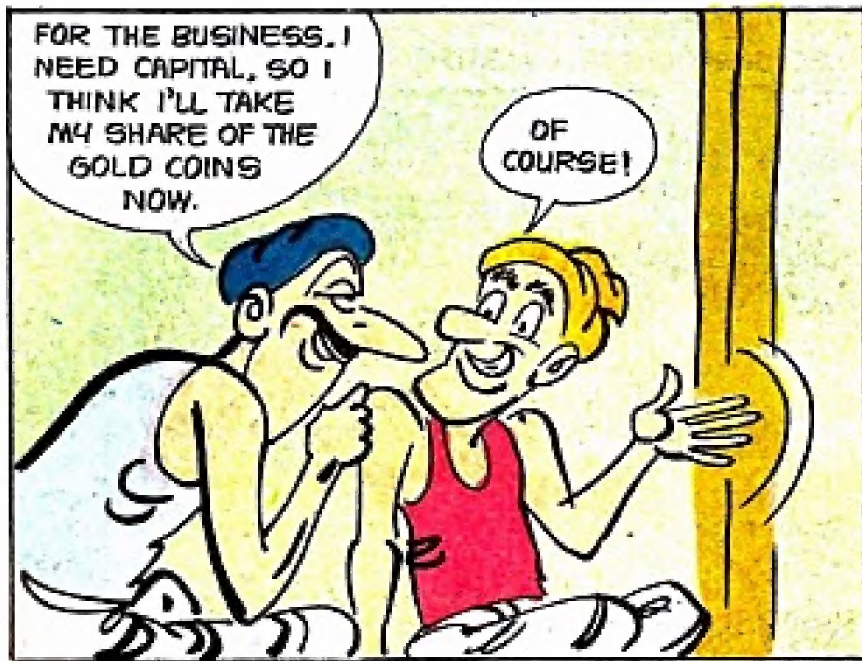
A FEW WEEKS LATER—

BALA, I'M THINKING OF STARTING A BUSINESS...

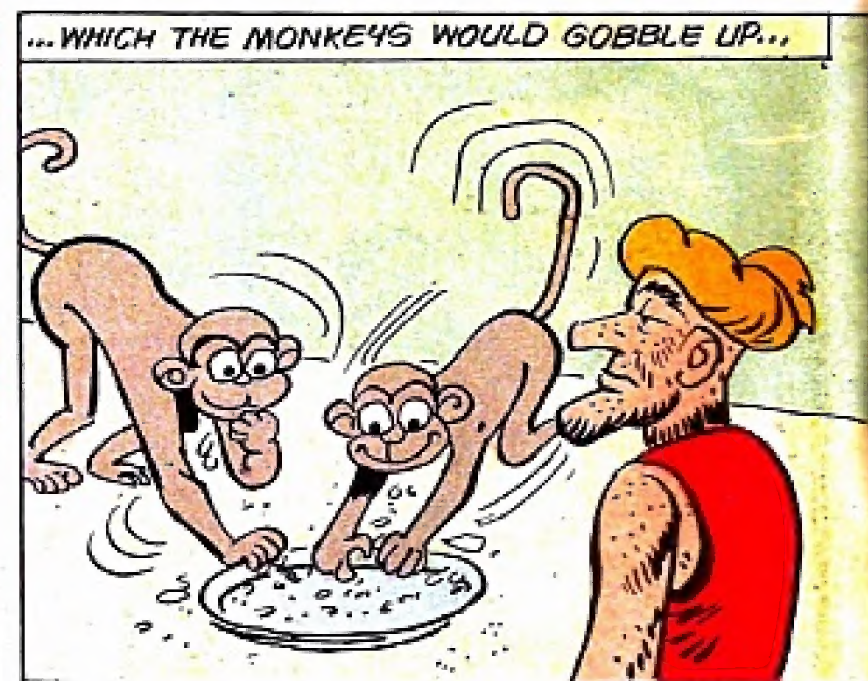
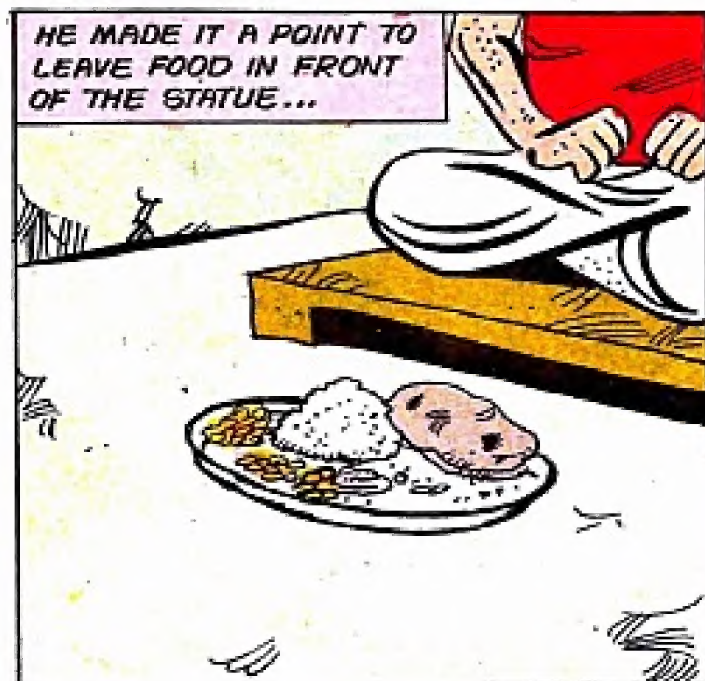
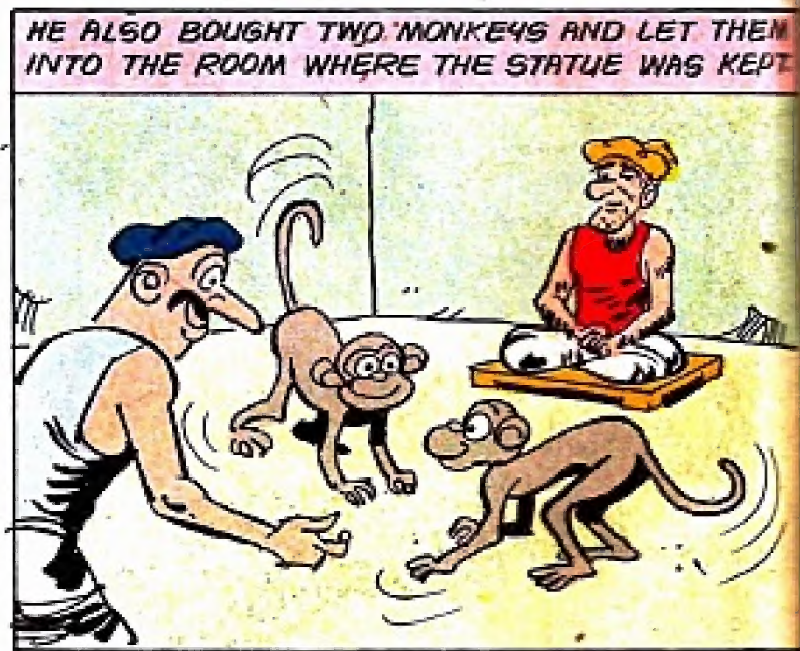
PLEASE LEAVE ME OUT, NAGA...













SOON THE MONKEYS LEARNED TO RUN UP AND DOWN THE STATUE WITHOUT ANY FEAR.

ALL IS READY,  
NOW.



BALACHANDRA'S SONS OFTEN PLAYED AT NAGACHANDRA'S HOUSE.

COME,  
LITTLE ONES.  
COME.



THAT DAY BALA'S CHILDREN DID NOT  
RETURN HOME EVEN AFTER IT WAS DARK.

LET ME GO  
AND BRING  
THEM BACK.



AT NAGACHANDRA'S —

COME IN,  
BALA.



I HAVE COME  
FOR MY SONS,  
NAGA.

I KNOW. I KNOW  
HOW MUCH YOU  
LOVE THEM.



REMEMBER THAT THEY  
ARE YOUR CHILDREN  
SO GIVE THEM  
YOUR LOVE AS  
BEFORE.













# Animal Eating Habits

Script:  
Vaijayanti Wagle

Illustrations:  
Goutam Sen

PEOPLE EAT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

SOME USE THEIR HANDS...



... SOME FORKS AND KNIVES...



...AND STILL OTHERS USE CHOPSTICKS...

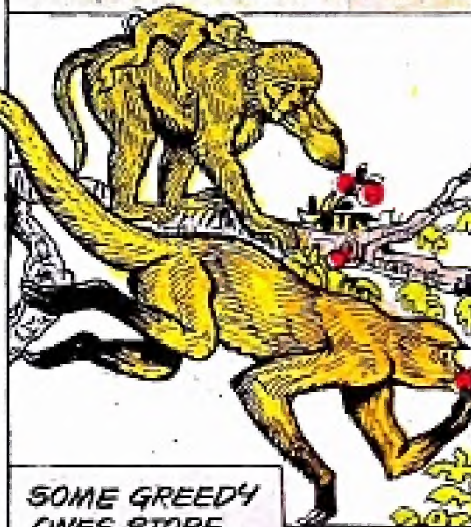


ANIMALS TOO EAT IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

APES AND MONKEYS USE THEIR FINGERS TO SKILFULLY PICK FRUIT AND HUNT OUT SMALL INSECTS AND REPTILES.



SMALLER MONKEYS ARE NOT SO WELL-MANNERED. THEY USE THEIR HANDS TO STUFF THEIR MOUTHS WITH FOOD.



SOME GREEDY ONES STORE MORE FOOD THAN THEY CAN EAT IN THEIR CHEEK POUCHES. THEN THEY EAT IT AT LEISURE.

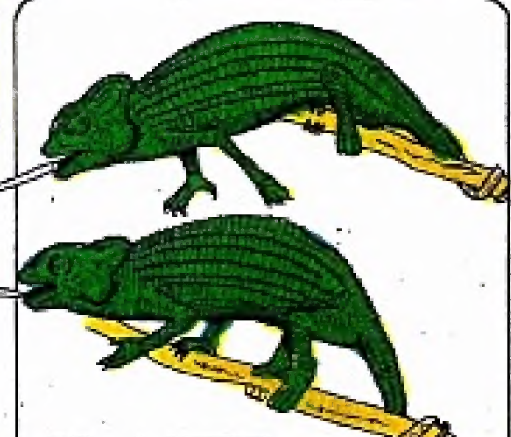
THE AYE AYE MONKEYS OF MADAGASCAR HAVE UNUSUALLY LONG FINGERS. BIRDS' EGGS ARE THEIR FAVOURITE FOOD. THEY BITE A HOLE IN THE EGG AND USE THEIR SLIM FINGERS LIKE CHOPSTICKS TO SCOOP THE CONTENTS INTO THEIR MOUTHS.



RACOONS ARE FUSSY. THEY DEMAND CLEANLINESS! USING THEIR FRONT FEET, THEY WASH THEIR FOOD BEFORE SETTLING DOWN TO THEIR MEAL.



THE ANT-EATER PUSHES ITS LONG TONGUE INTO AN ANTS' NEST AND TRAPS HUNDREDS OF ANTS ON ITS STICKY SURFACE.



CHAMELEONS MERELY SIT AND WAIT FOR THEIR MEALS. AS AN INSECT FLIES BY, THE CHAMELEON'S LONG TONGUE WHIPS OUT AT GREAT SPEED AND CAPTURES THE SURPRISED VICTIM ON A STICKY KNOB AT ITS END.



THE PARROT'S TONGUE IS A SMALL ROUND STUB, BUT IT HELPS TO PUSH FOOD INTO ITS PROPER PLACE BEFORE THE BEAK CRUNCHES IT.



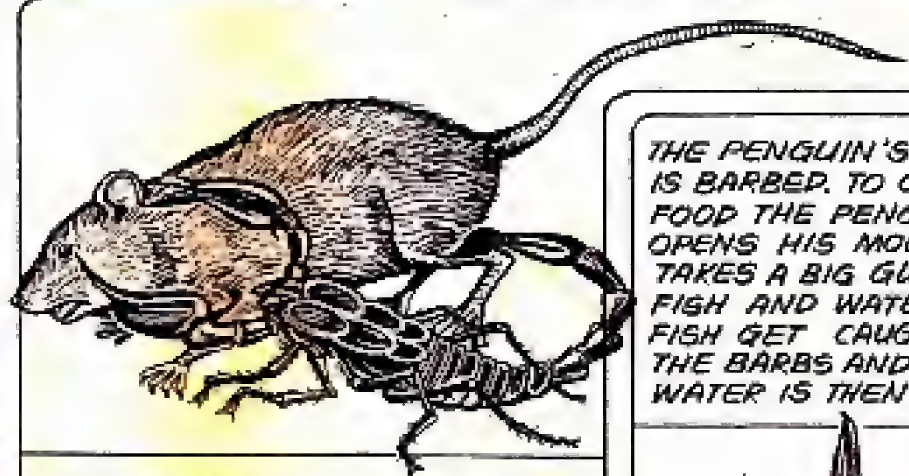
THE CLEVER WOODPECKER TAPS ON TREE-TRUNKS. FRIGHTENED INSECTS COME SCURRYING OUT AND THE WOODPECKER'S LONG TONGUE SHOOTS OUT TO GATHER THEM.



THE SNAIL'S TONGUE IS ROUGH, BUT IT IS USEFUL IN SCRAPING AND TEARING LEAVES WHICH THE SNAIL RELISHES.

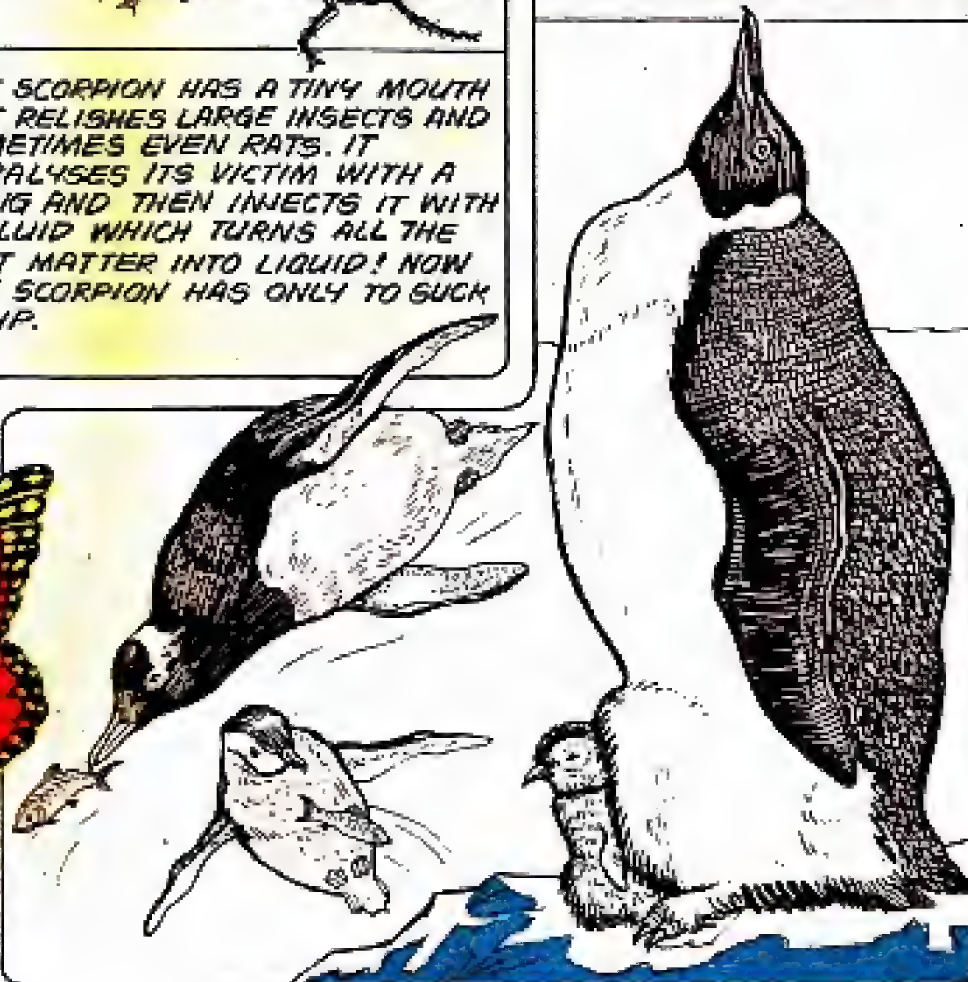


EGG-EATING SNAKES USE THEIR TONGUES TO SEARCH OUT EGGS. YAWNING WIDELY, THE SNAKE SWALLOWS THE EGG WITH HIS MOUTH AND GULPS IT DOWN. SHARP SPINES ALONG THE SNAKE'S BACKBONE SAW THROUGH THE EGG AND THE CONTENTS SPILL OUT. THE CRUSHED SHELL IS THEN SPAT OUT.

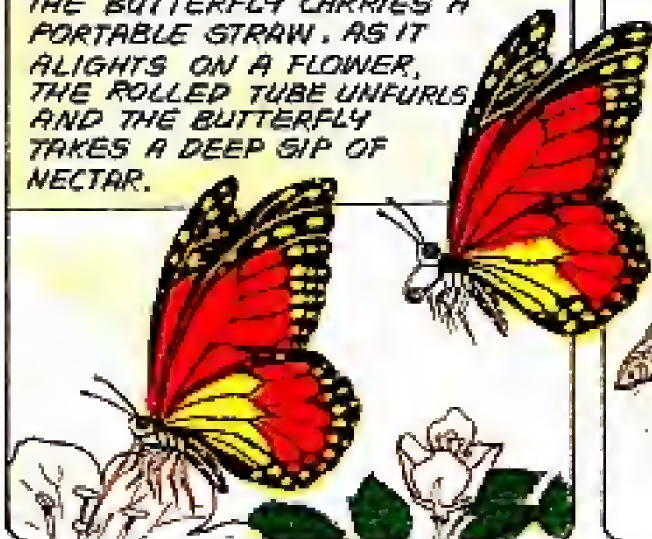


THE SCORPION HAS A TINY MOUTH BUT RELISHES LARGE INSECTS AND SOMETIMES EVEN RATS. IT PARALYSES ITS VICTIM WITH A STING AND THEN INJECTS IT WITH A FLUID WHICH TURNS ALL THE SOFT MATTER INTO LIQUID! NOW THE SCORPION HAS ONLY TO SUCK IT UP.

THE PENGUIN'S TONGUE IS BARBED. TO CATCH HIS FOOD THE PENGUIN OPENS HIS MOUTH AND TAKES A BIG GULP OF FISH AND WATER. THE FISH GET CAUGHT ON THE BARBS AND THE WATER IS THEN SPAT OUT.



THE BUTTERFLY CARRIES A PORTABLE STRAW. AS IT ALIGHTS ON A FLOWER, THE ROLLED TUBE UNFURLS AND THE BUTTERFLY TAKES A DEEP SIP OF NECTAR.





Complete  
the story  
Competition  
No. 19

# PLAYING IT SAFE

Illustrations:  
Goutam Sen



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Complete the story  
in 200 or fewer  
words and send it  
to us by November  
20, 1985. The best  
entry will win  
Rs. 50. Also three  
Consolation prizes  
of Rs. 25 each.



# GRAMMATICAL ERROR

A Nasruddin Hodja Tale

## Readers' Choice

Based on a story sent by  
Boipu Serto, Manipur

Illustrations: Ram Waeerkar

ONCE, AS NASRUDDIN HODJA WAS TRAVELLING TO A NEARBY TOWN —

...AND HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?

TWO.

DO THEY GO TO SCHOOL?

ONLY ONE OF MY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL.

TCH... TCH... YOU'RE FORGETTING YOUR GRAMMAR.

YOU MUST SAY, 'ONE OF MY CHILDREN GOES TO SCHOOL.'

SPEAK CORRECTLY OR DON'T SPEAK AT ALL — THAT'S MY PRINCIPLE!

?

O-ER.

SOME TIME LATER —

HEY! WHERE'S MY BAG OF POTATOES?

IT-ER— FELL OFF.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

I WAS-ER— PLANNING TO...

...BUT I WAS WONDERING WHETHER 'YOUR BAG IS FALLING OFF' WAS CORRECT OR 'YOUR BAG FELL OFF' WAS MORE LIKE IT!



# OF CABBAGES AND KINGS!

A Folktale from Karnataka

Script:  
Nira Benegal

Illustrations:  
V.B. Halbe

THE WITTIEST AND CLEVEREST MINISTER IN KING BHIMARAJ'S COURT WAS SUMATI. HIS FAME HAD SPREAD FAR AND WIDE...



...EVEN TO INDRAPUR, A RIVAL KINGDOM, FAR UP NORTH.

I HAVE HEARD THAT KING BHIMARAJ'S MINISTER, SUMATI, IS VERY CLEVER.

YES, SIRE. PEOPLE SAY THAT WE'D BE HARD-PRESSED TO FIND ANYONE MORE CLEVER.



HA! I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT! WE'LL TEST HIM... NOW LISTEN, HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...



MANY WEEKS LATER AT MANGALAPURA, KING BHIMARAJ'S KINGDOM—

YOUR MAJESTY, I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM KING JAYARAJ OF INDRAPUR!

THANK YOU. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR HIM?



HE'S HEARD OF THE SUCCULENT CABBAGES AND RADISHES YOU HAVE HERE IN MANGALAPURA...

THAT'S TRUE—OUR VEGETABLES ARE RATHER GOOD!



KING JAYARAJ WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO TASTE SOME!

HMM... WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.





LATER, KING BHIMARAJ CALLED SUMATI TO HIS PRIVATE CHAMBERS.

SUMATI, WE'RE IN TROUBLE. I CAN'T ALLOW JAYARAJ TO GET THE BETTER OF ME.

NO, YOU CAN'T, YOUR MAJESTY.

BUT HE WILL - HE WANTS TO EAT SOME OF OUR CABBAGES AND RADISHES!

OH!

HOW CAN WE SEND THEM TO HIM WHEN IT TAKES THREE MONTHS TO REACH INDRAPUR?

THEY'LL ROT BY THE TIME THEY REACH!

I AGREE IT'S A PROBLEM, SIRE, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

WELL, YOU BETTER THINK OF SOMETHING, SUMATI... AND QUICKLY.

THE NEXT DAY -

THERE'S A WAY OUT, SIRE. BUT I WILL NEED TWO CARTS, FOUR BULLOCKS AND FOUR TRUSTED MEN.

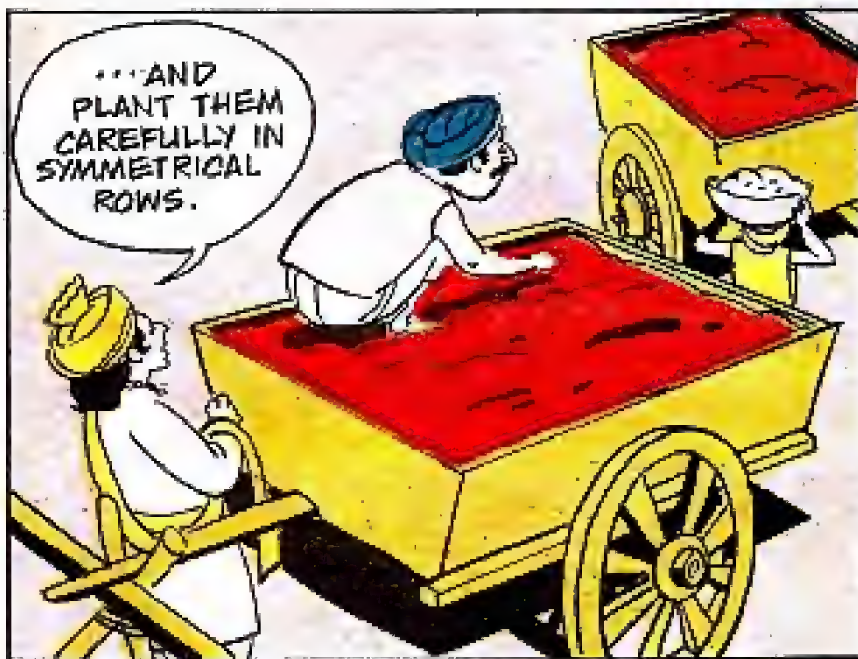
YOU'LL HAVE THEM, SUMATI.

SO SUMATI GOT BUSY -

FILL THESE CARTS WITH RICH SOIL MIXED WITH MANURE...

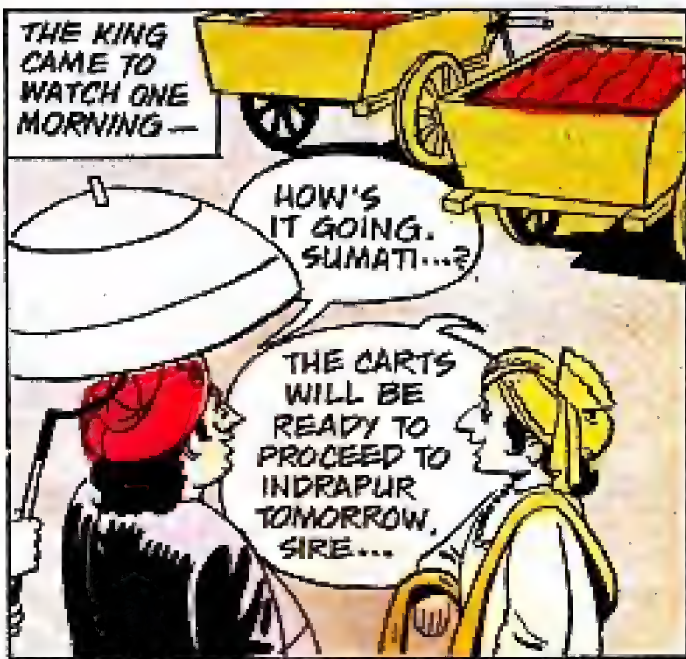
NOW BRING THE BEST QUALITY CABBAGE AND RADISH SEEDS.





...AND PLANT THEM CAREFULLY IN SYMMETRICAL ROWS.

THE KING CAME TO WATCH ONE MORNING —



HOW'S IT GOING, SUMATI...?

THE CARTS WILL BE READY TO PROCEED TO INDRAPUR TOMORROW, SIRE...

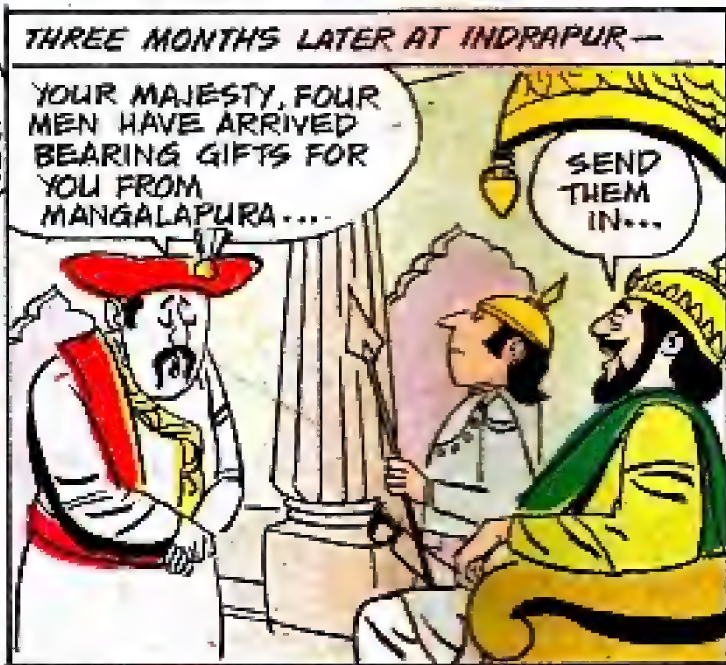


... THE MEN WILL WATER THE CARTS CAREFULLY EVERY DAY...



...AND WE HOPE JAYARAJ WILL ENJOY MANGALAPURA'S FAMOUS VEGETABLES!

HA! HA!



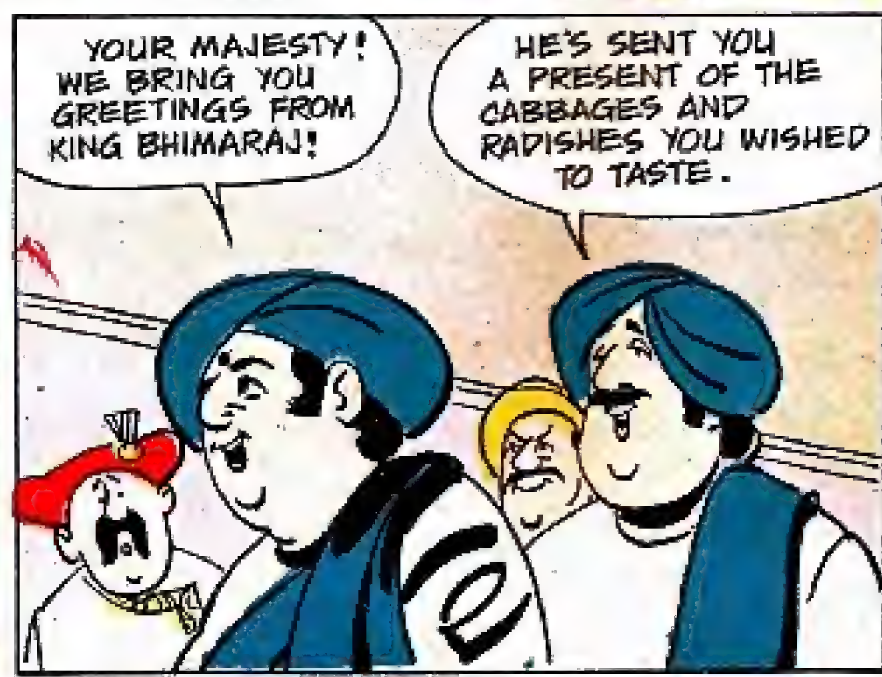
THREE MONTHS LATER AT INDRAPUR —

YOUR MAJESTY, FOUR MEN HAVE ARRIVED BEARING GIFTS FOR YOU FROM MANGALAPURA...

SEND THEM IN...



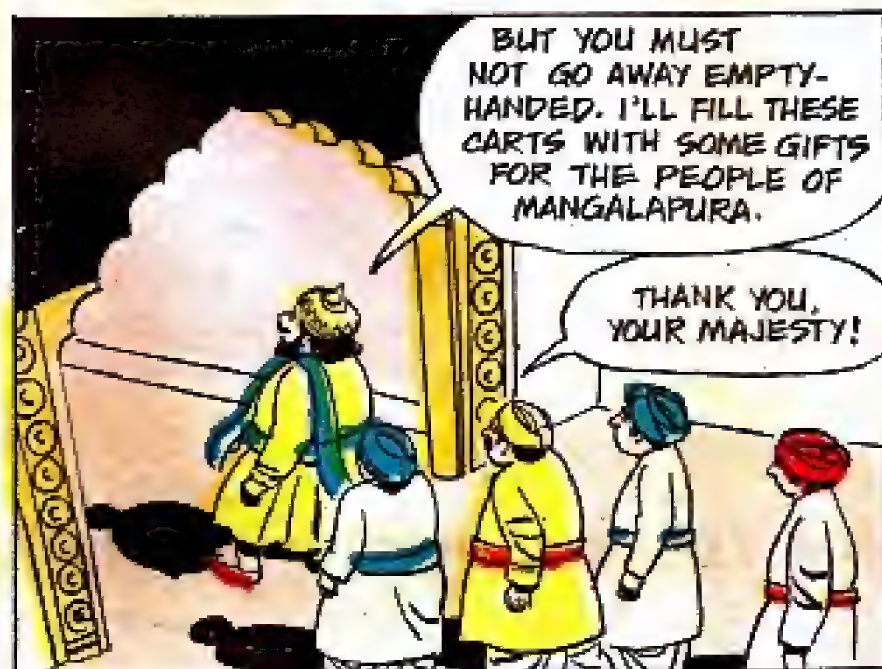
... MUST BE THE ROTTEN CABBAGES AND RADISHES!



YOUR MAJESTY! WE BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM KING BHIMARAJ!

HE'S SENT YOU A PRESENT OF THE CABBAGES AND RADISHES YOU WISHED TO TASTE.

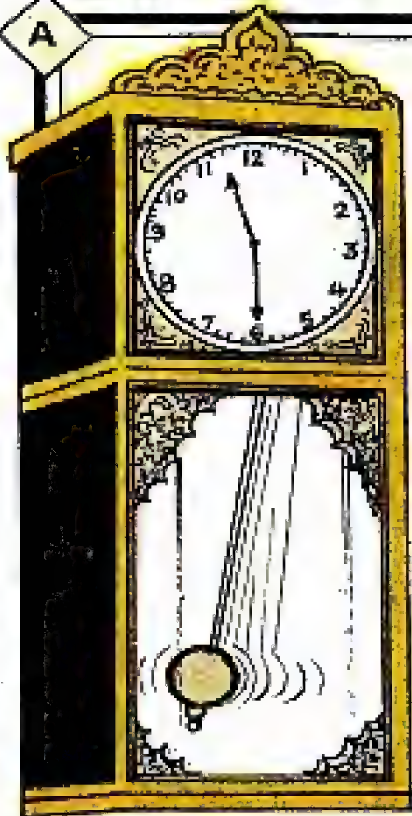




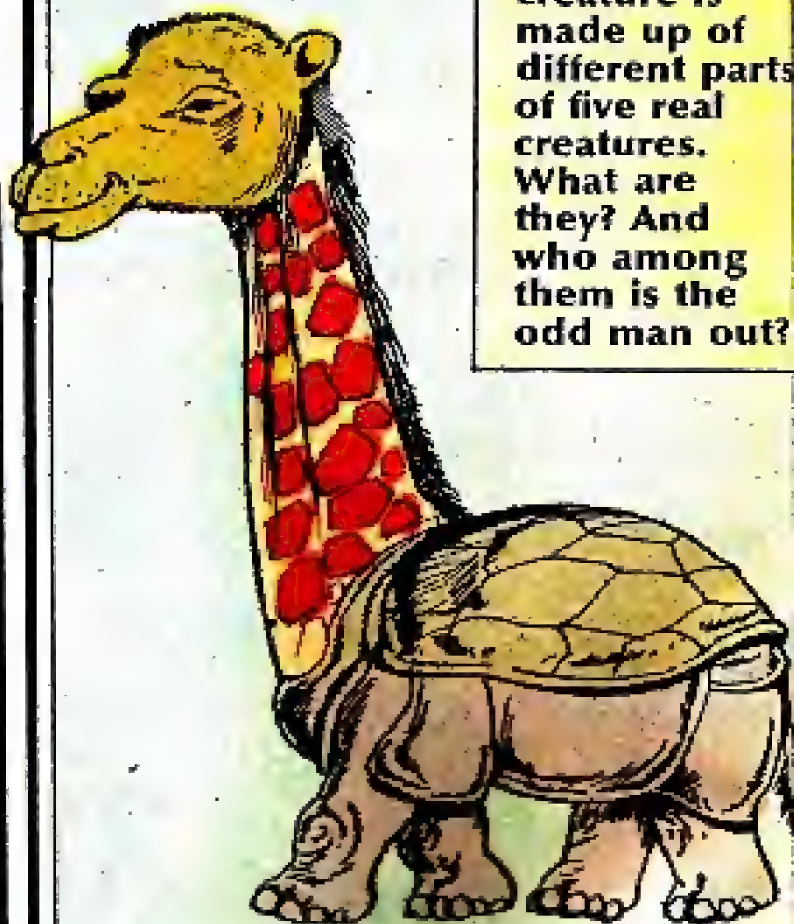


# TINKLE TRICKS & TREATS

TTT-59



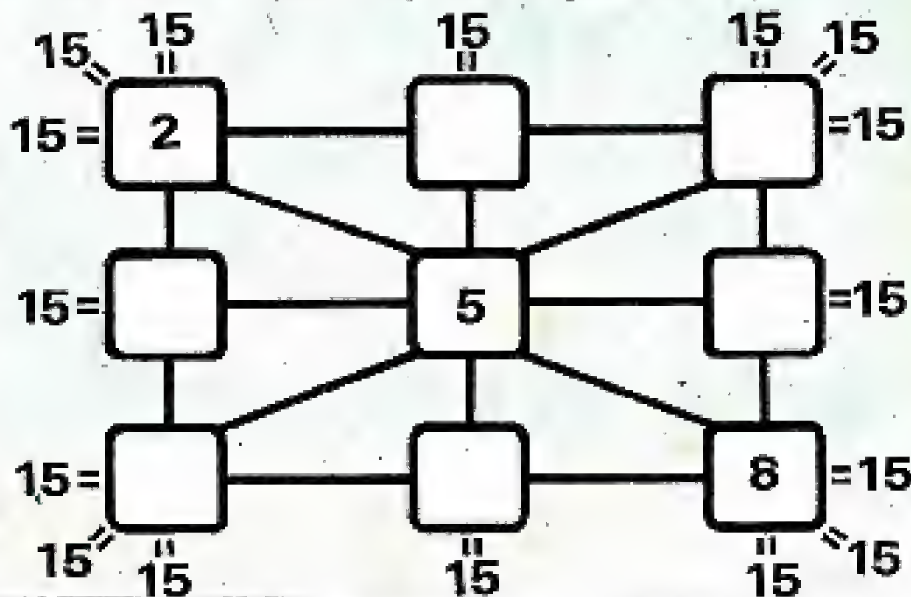
This clock strikes the hours with a loud 'Dong'. At 1 a.m. it strikes once; at 2 a.m. twice; at 3 a.m. thrice and so on upto 12 noon (striking 12 times). At 1 p.m. it strikes 13 times; at 2 p.m. 14 times and so on upto midnight. How many times does the clock strike in 24 hours?



This strange creature is made up of different parts of five real creatures. What are they? And who among them is the odd man out?

C

These numbers placed diagonally add upto 15. Can you arrange the other numbers (between 1 and 9) so that they add upto 15?

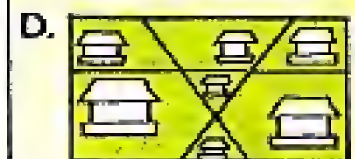


## SOLUTIONS FOR TTT-59

A. Turn the board in such a way that Ramgarh points to the road which has brought the boy to this junction. Madhopur therefore, is to his right.

B. Start at B or C and follow the dotted line.

C. The order of the colours in the rainbow has been reversed.





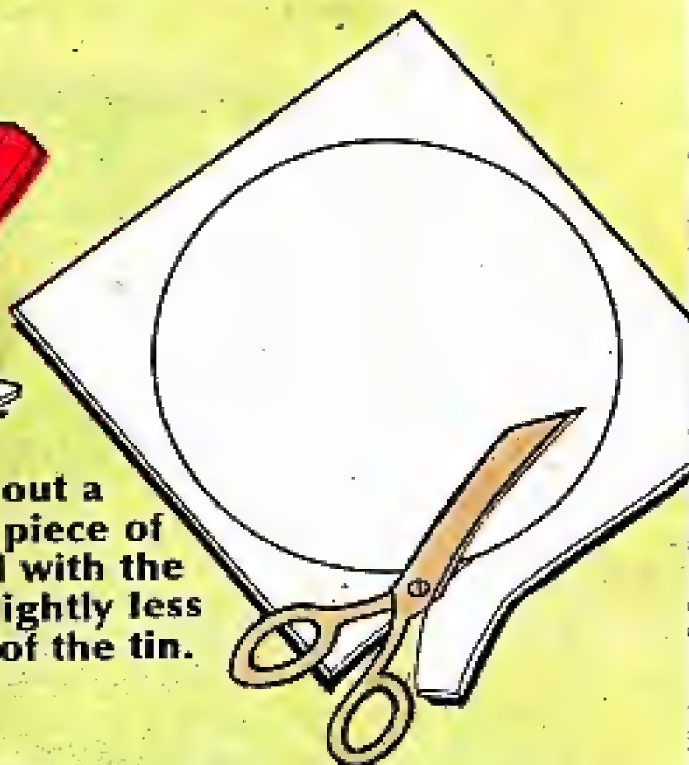
# Do it yourself — THE MAZE

You will need: an empty shoe-polish tin, matchsticks, heavy beads and cardboard.

Trace out the pattern given here on the cardboard.



Cut out a circular piece of cardboard with the diameter slightly less than that of the tin.



Now glue the cardboard to the bottom of the tin.

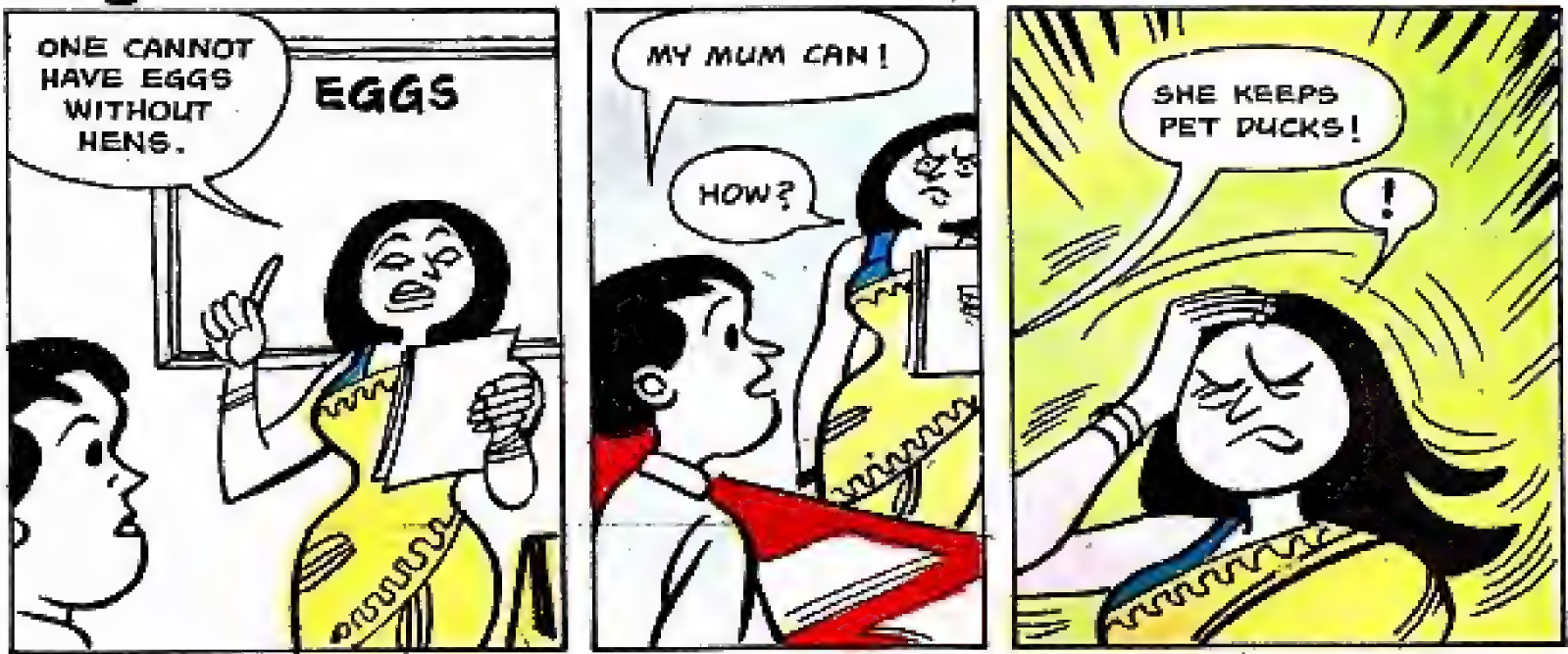


Glue matchsticks along the lines of the pattern. The matchsticks can be cut to the right size where necessary.

The game is to get the bead from one point to another by tilting the tin. You can play this game with a partner. Points can be allotted for time taken by each contestant in getting the bead from one point to another.







*Readers Write...*

As soon as I received the book labels I stuck some on my pencil box. I exchanged two of them for a diary! Now what I want to tell you is that since Tantri is always trying to be the king, you should allow him to become the king in one story. If you don't, I will come myself and make him the king!

**Suraj Joseph, Cochin**

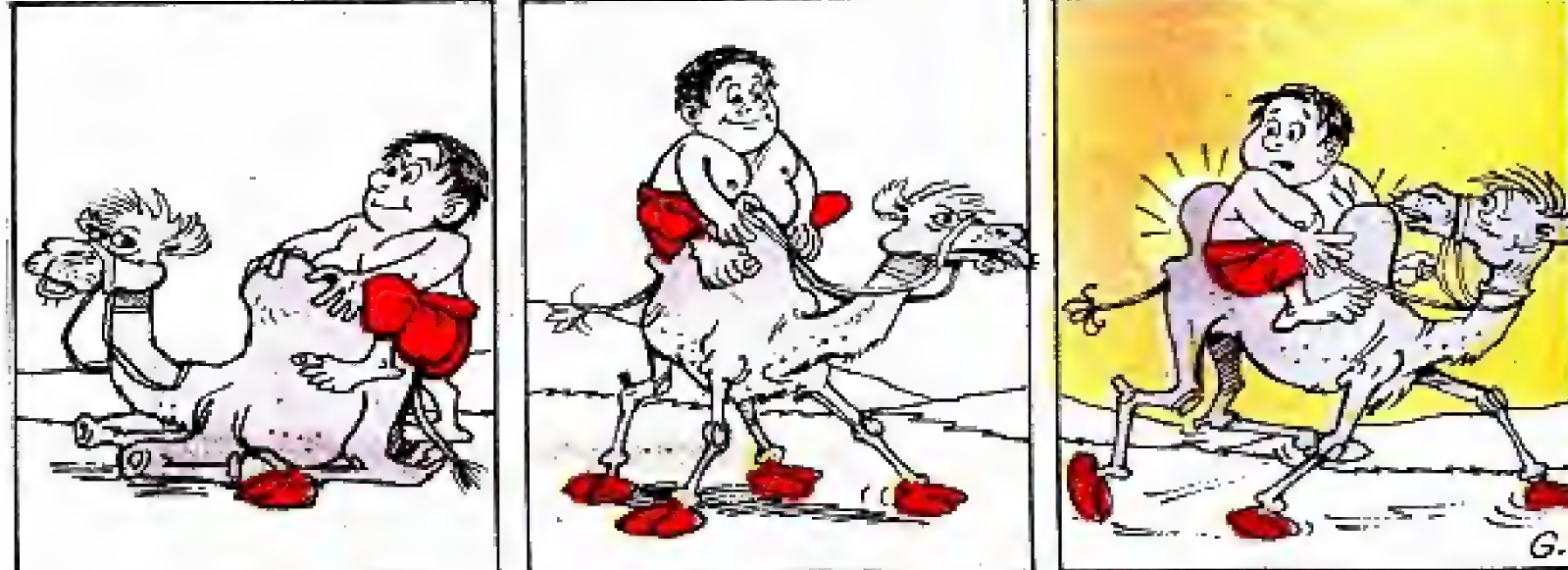
I am a regular reader of TINKLE. I enjoyed reading about Dams in TINKLE No. 83. During my holidays I visited both the Nagarjunasagar and Krishnarajasagar Dams.

**Atul Phadnis, Nagpur**

Recently we held a General Knowledge Quiz. Some boys mugged up from general knowledge books, but I advised my friends to read 6 or 7 issues of TINKLE. So this is what we did and our team won the Quiz! Keep it up TINKLE, keep it up!

**Anupam Gupta, Bombay**

**See and Smile** Based on an idea sent by R. Veena, Bombay





# Winners of Holiday Express Competition

We received a large number of letters in the Holiday Express Competition published in Tinkle 82.

Most of the letters had more or less the same description of the holidays. We had, therefore, no alternative but to choose only two letters for the prizes.

No letter was found suitable for the third prize. The next ten best letters are being awarded "Tinkle" letterpads. The first and second prize-winning letters are published below.

Hearty congratulations to the winners!



## First Prize:

K. Amulya,  
Hyderabad



## Second Prize:

T. Deepa Rao,  
Goa



When our school announced the exam results, I was happy to know that I had been promoted to the next class. A few days later we left to visit my grandmother in Madras. Daddy had made train reservations for Mummy and me.

I was thrilled on the day of our departure. As usual Daddy was a bit late in taking us to the railway station and we reached just a few minutes before the departure of the train. After we were settled in the compartment, Daddy handed over the rail tickets to Mummy.

The train steamed off to Madras. After some time the ticket collector approached us for our tickets. Mummy took the tickets from her handbag and gave them to him. When he examined them he returned them with a suspicious look and told us that they were only platform tickets! Mummy and I were shocked and did not know what to do. The ticket collector then asked us to pay the full fare along with a fine.

Throughout the journey we brooded over Daddy's absent-mindedness. This is an experience I cannot forget!

One evening while I was watching T.V., I heard a rumbling sound outside my house. I was about to look out of the window, when my mother called me and told me to set the table for dinner. I forgot about the noise and did as she told me.

I had just finished helping her, when I heard the crushing of leaves—cr-cr-crazy! It was the same rumbling sound I had heard earlier and this time it was a little louder too. I was frightened—my hands and legs were shivering! I gathered courage and went to the window to see what was outside. And would you believe it? It was a deer. I heaved a sigh of relief! It was eating banana leaves from our tree. We shoed it away.

The next evening my friends and I were playing outside and we were astonished to see the deer back in our colony! We gave it many things to eat and now it comes to our colony almost every day!



# Comets

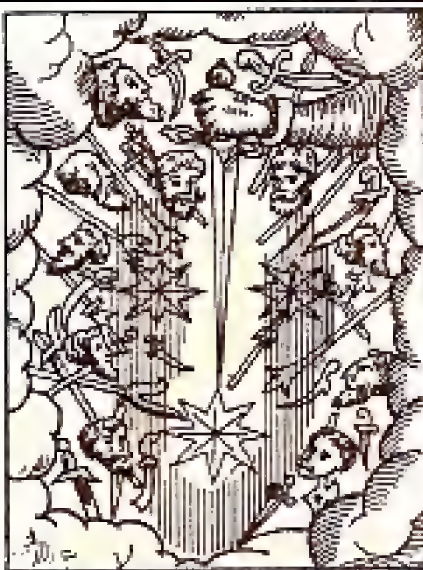
Script: J.D. Isloor

Illustrations: Anand Mande



BECAUSE OF THEIR UNUSUAL SHAPE AND BRILLIANCE, COMETS WERE FEARED BY ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE AGES.

FAMINES, WARS AND DEATHS OF KINGS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH COMETS.

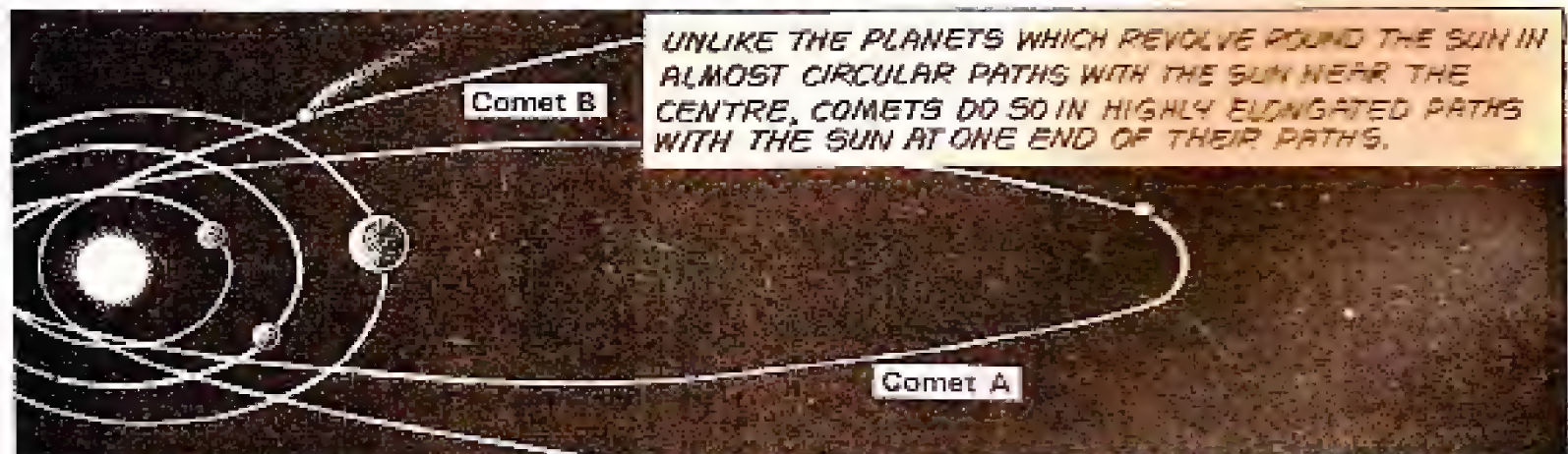


A medieval engraving of "The Comet of 1528"

TODAY, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING FRIGHTENING ABOUT THESE HARMLESS VOYAGERS OF THE SKY.



UNLIKE THE PLANETS WHICH REVOLVE ROUND THE SUN IN ALMOST CIRCULAR PATHS WITH THE SUN NEAR THE CENTRE, COMETS DO SO IN HIGHLY ELONGATED PATHS WITH THE SUN AT ONE END OF THEIR PATHS.



BUT NOT ALL COMETS GO ROUND THE SUN AGAIN AND AGAIN (LIKE COMET A). SOME OF THEM MAKE JUST ONE PASS AT THE SUN (COMET B) AND THEN LEAVE THE SOLAR SYSTEM, NEVER TO RETURN.

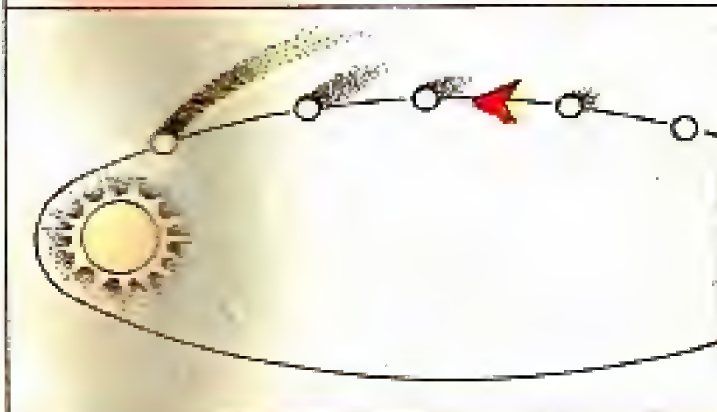


WHEN SEEN THROUGH A TELESCOPE, A COMET APPEARS TO HAVE A NUCLEUS AND A LONG TAIL. THE NUCLEUS IS MADE OF ROCKS AND ICE SURROUNDED BY A CLOUD OF GASEOUS MATTER CALLED "COMA". THE TAIL CONSISTS OF GAS AND DUST.



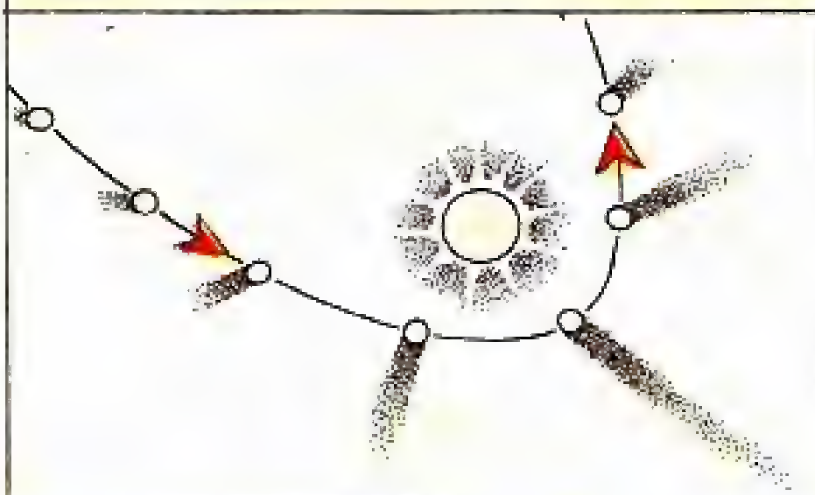
A COMET, ALONG WITH ITS TAIL, OCCUPIES A LARGE VOLUME OF SPACE—SOMETIMES EVEN LARGER THAN THAT OCCUPIED BY THE EARTH. YET IT HAS VERY LITTLE MATTER IN IT. COMETS HAVE RIGHTLY BEEN CALLED "GREAT BIG BAGS, FULL OF NOTHING".

WHEN THEY ARE FAR AWAY FROM THE SUN, COMETS HAVE NO TAILS.



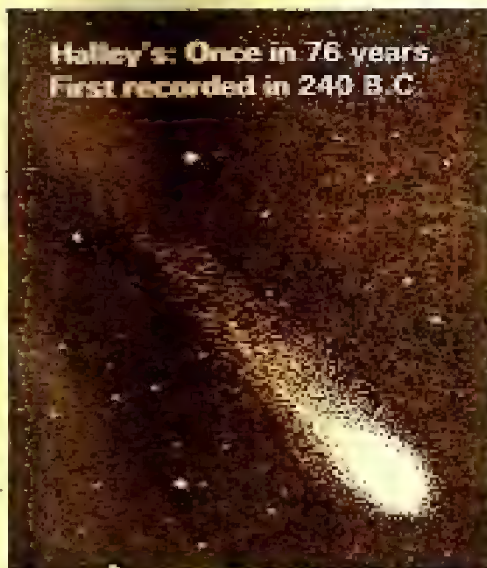
IT IS ONLY AS THEY COME CLOSER TO THE SUN THAT THEY BEGIN TO GROW TAILS.

COMETS ALWAYS HAVE THEIR TAILS AWAY FROM THE SUN.



Here are some well-known Comets, the intervals at which they come to greet the sun and the years in which they were first recorded:

Halley's: Once in 76 years.  
First recorded in 240 B.C.



Kohoutek: Period not known.  
First recorded in 1975.



Donati's: Once in 2040 years.  
First recorded in 1958.



Encke's Comet, first recorded in 1786, returns every 3.3 years and Arend-Roland Comet, which was recorded for the first time in 1957, will return only 10,000 years later—in 11,957 A.D.!



Readers' Choice

# Forgetful Vinoo

Illustrations:  
Goutam Sen



Based on  
a story sent by  
Namresh Bheda,  
Bombay

MOTHER, I'M  
GOING OUT  
TO PLAY  
CRICKET.



OKAY, VINOO, BUT BEFORE  
YOU DO, PLEASE BRING ME  
A LITRE OF KEROSENE.  
HERE'S THE MONEY. KEEP IT  
CAREFULLY IN YOUR POCKET.



MY FRIENDS WILL HAVE  
STARTED THE GAME  
ALREADY. I'D BETTER  
RUSH AND FETCH  
THE KEROSENE.



ONE LITRE OF  
KEROSENE, PLEASE.

WHERE'S  
THE  
BOTTLE?



OH, NO! I WAS IN SUCH A  
HURRY THAT I FORGOT  
TO BRING A  
BOTTLE!



I'D BETTER HURRY  
HOME AND GET  
THE ... OOPS?



MA, GIVE ME A BOTTLE!  
I FORGOT TO TAKE ONE  
WITH ME!

HERE, TAKE THIS.  
BUT YOUR CLOTHES  
ARE MUDDY.  
CHANGE THEM  
AT ONCE!



VINOO RUSHED BACK TO THE SHOP  
AFTER CHANGING —  
HERE'S THE KEROSENE.



AND  
HERE'S YOUR  
MONEY...

OH! NO! I LEFT THE  
MONEY IN THE  
POCKET OF THE  
OTHER SHIRT...AND  
THERE GOES MY  
CRICKET!





# How Beans Got Their Threads

Based on a story sent by K. Anuradha, Madras

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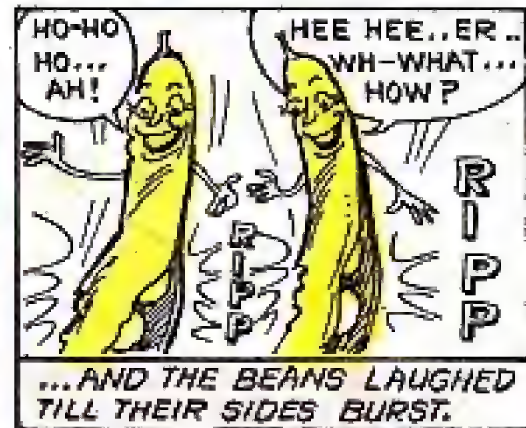
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ONE DAY TWO FRENCH BEANS WERE STANDING ON A BRIDGE WHEN—

LOOK AT THOSE TWO FAT POTATOES!

FATSOES!  
HEE HEE HEE!

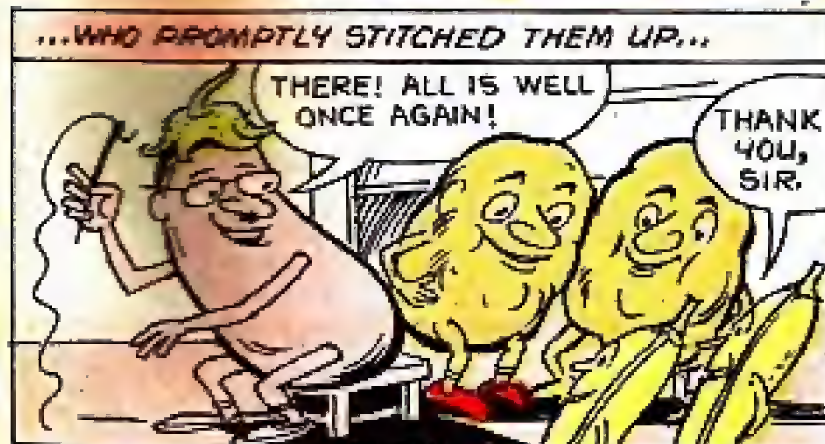


...AND THE BEANS LAUGHED TILL THEIR SIDES BURST.



THEY TOOK THEM TO BRINJAL, THE TAILOR...

BRINJAL TAILORS



AND THAT'S HOW BEANS HAVE GOT THREADS IN THEIR SIDES!



**"Porky the Pig's great fun to make  
Bits 'n' pieces with Fevicol  
That's all it takes"**

**— Fevi Fairy**



It's a neat trick,  
And it's quick.  
All you do is think  
and stick.  
Stick what?  
Anything at all.  
Just have a ball.  
Make a pencil stand,  
a basket  
... even a doll.

It's not messy at all.  
How can that be?  
With Fevicol.

With Fevicol MR you  
could go on and on...  
and whatever you make,  
will last and last.  
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really sticks to its job.



## You will need:

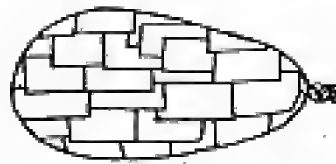
1. One balloon (medium size)
2. A few sheets of newspaper
3. Velvet paper in the following colours: pink, black, blue and yellow
4. White chart paper
5. Pink thread
6. Fevicol MR Adhesive



1. Inflate balloon to  $\frac{3}{4}$ th capacity so that it remains soft. Tie tightly with thread so that no air escapes. This elongated tied end makes the tail.



Cut newspaper into  $1'' \times 1''$  square pieces. Soak in water for 10-15 minutes. Place pieces one by one on balloon. Each piece should slightly overlap the other. Cover the whole balloon surface. Put 3 layers of newspaper in a similar manner.



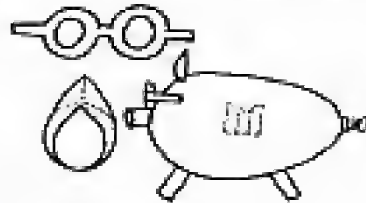
3. Now take  $1'' \times 1''$  square pieces of newspaper and apply Fevicol MR Adhesive on each of them. Stick them on the balloon. Put 4 such layers in a similar manner. Let it stay for 8-10 hours.



4. When balloon is dry and hard, prick with a pin to burst balloon. Just the shell of newspaper will remain. Decorate with a final layer of  $1'' \times 1''$  square pieces of pink velvet paper using Fevicol MR Adhesive.



Take 5 chart paper pieces of size  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$ . From them make 5 cylinders  $1\frac{1}{2}''$  each in height. Stick black velvet paper on them. Stick 4 of them to the balloon to make the legs. Stick one of them to make the nose. On nose, stick a circle of chart paper covered with black velvet paper.



6. Make spectacles and ears from chart paper. Stick black velvet paper on ears and blue velvet paper on spectacles. Stick them in place. Make eyes from yellow velvet paper and eyeballs from black velvet paper.



7. Take two  $1'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$  pieces of chart paper and stick pink velvet paper on them. Stick these on either side of piggy's body to form pockets for pens.

Oink! Oink! Porky the Pig is ready.  
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# THE PERCEPTIVE KING

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ONE DAY AN OLD WOMAN WENT TO SEE THE KING.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO SEE THE KING.



THE KING WON'T SEE YOU!

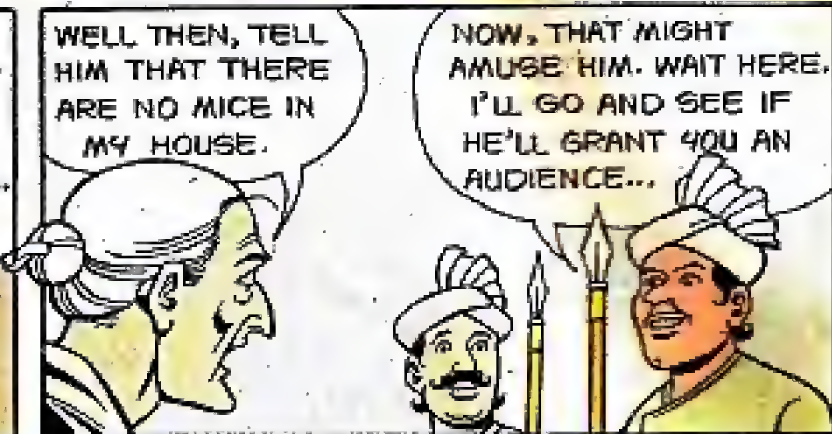
I AM POOR. I HAVE NO FOOD IN MY HOUSE. THE KING MUST HELP ME!

THE KING IS IN NO MOOD TO HEAR SUCH TALES. GO AWAY.



WELL THEN, TELL HIM THAT THERE ARE NO MICE IN MY HOUSE.

NOW, THAT MIGHT AMUSE HIM. WAIT HERE. I'LL GO AND SEE IF HE'LL GRANT YOU AN AUDIENCE...

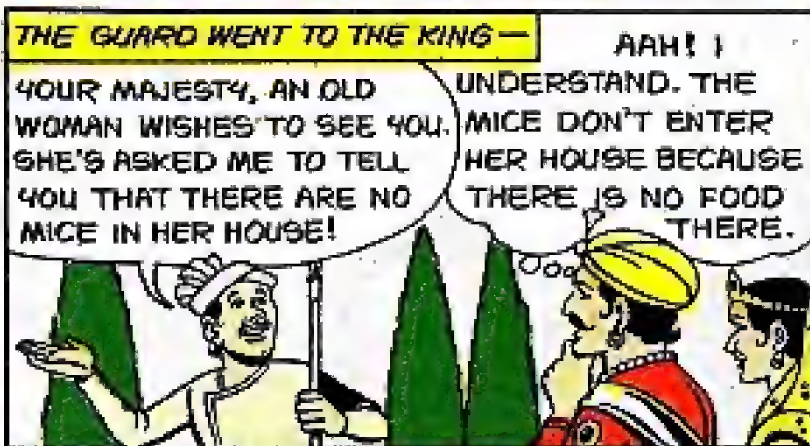


THE GUARD WENT TO THE KING—

AAH! I

YOUR MAJESTY, AN OLD WOMAN WISHES TO SEE YOU. SHE'S ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE NO MICE IN HER HOUSE!

UNDERSTAND. THE MICE DON'T ENTER HER HOUSE BECAUSE THERE IS NO FOOD THERE.



SEND HER IN!



YOU CAN GO IN NOW. THE KING WILL SEE YOU.



HERE, TAKE THIS BAG OF COINS. THIS WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR PROBLEMS.

THANK YOU, O GREAT AND MERCIFUL KING.





# Kalia THE CROW

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GET OUT OF MY WAY!

WHO DO YOU  
THINK YOU ARE?  
YOU GET OUT  
OF MY WAY!

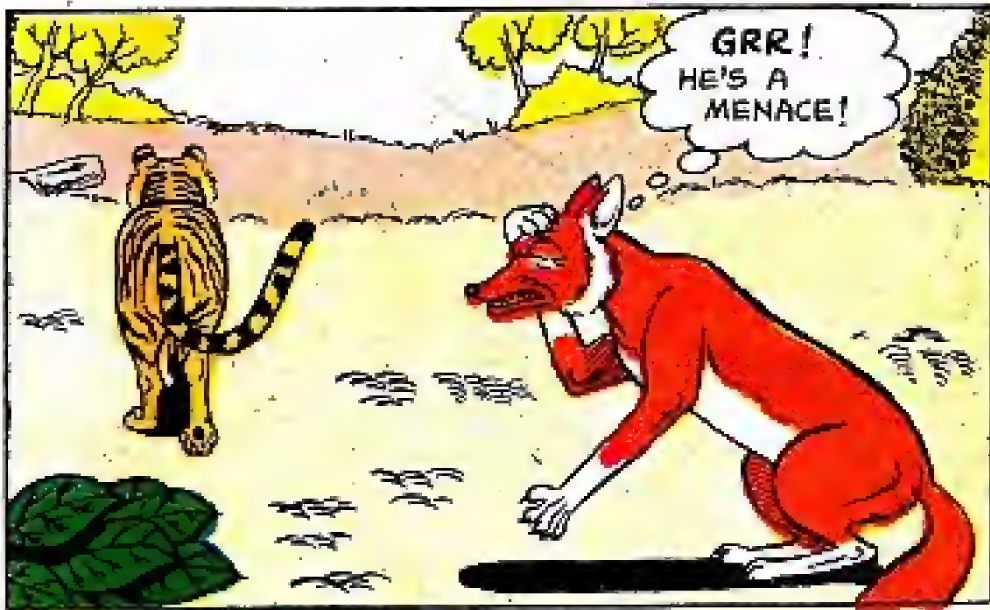


I'M THE NEW KING  
OF THIS JUNGLE AND  
DON'T YOU FORGET  
IT!

BONG



GRR!  
HE'S A  
MENACE!



I'LL SHOW  
THESE  
FOOLS!



I WANT ALL THE  
ANIMALS OF THIS  
FOREST TO COME  
HERE!

THUMP!  
THUMP!





SOON—

YOU'RE ALL HERE. GOOD!  
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT  
I AM THE NEW KING OF  
THIS FOREST! ANY  
OBJECTIONS?



YES! THERE HAS  
NEVER BEEN ANY  
KING IN THIS FOREST  
AND THERE NEVER  
WILL BE!



TAKE THAT!

POP!



THUD!



SO IT'S AGREED  
THAT I'M THE  
KING. YOU WILL  
ALL COME TO  
MY CORONATION  
TOMORROW!



LATER—

WHAT SHALL  
WE DO?

I KNOW!  
WE'LL TELL KALIA  
ABOUT THIS. HE'LL  
THINK OF  
SOMETHING!

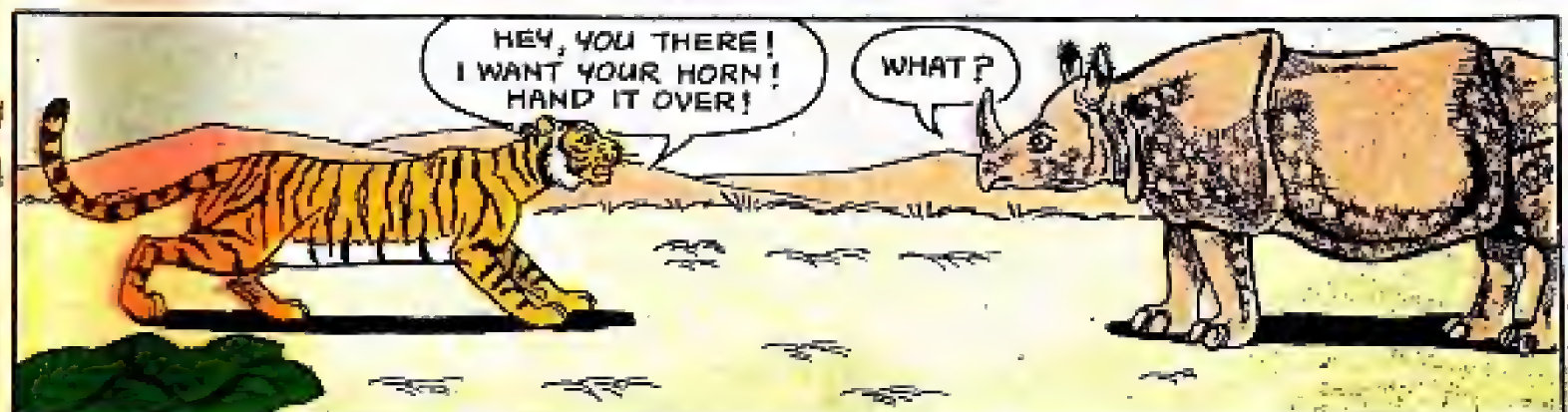
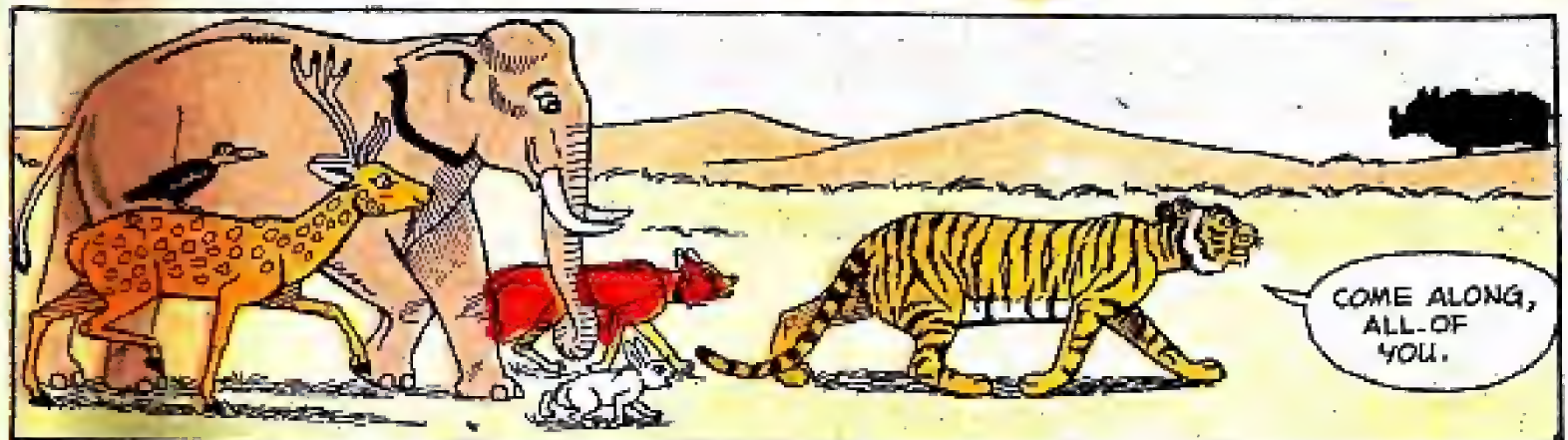
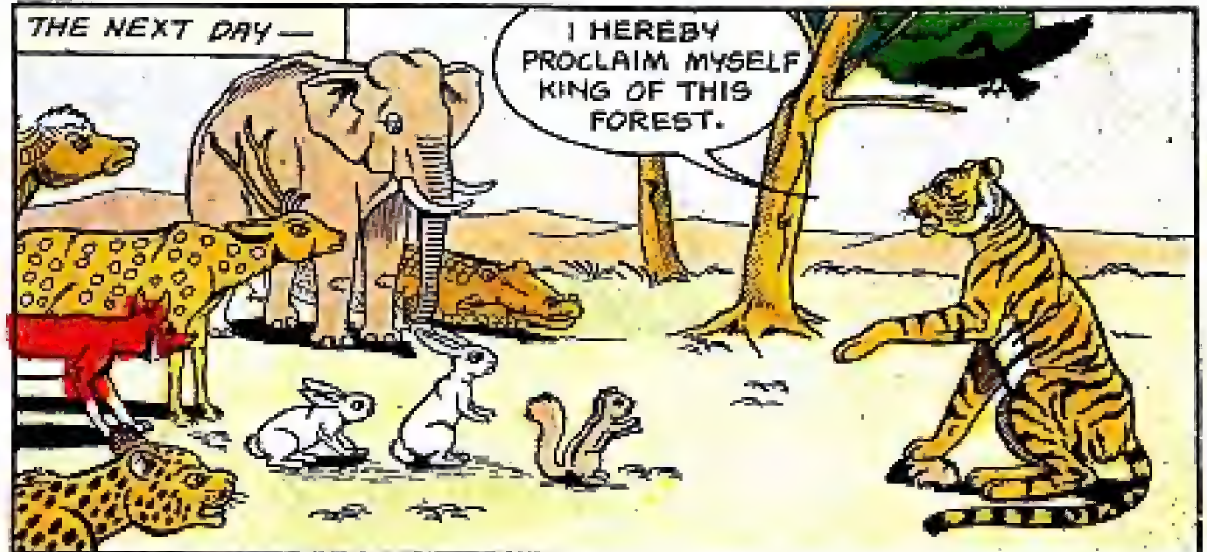


... SO THAT'S  
IT, KALIA!

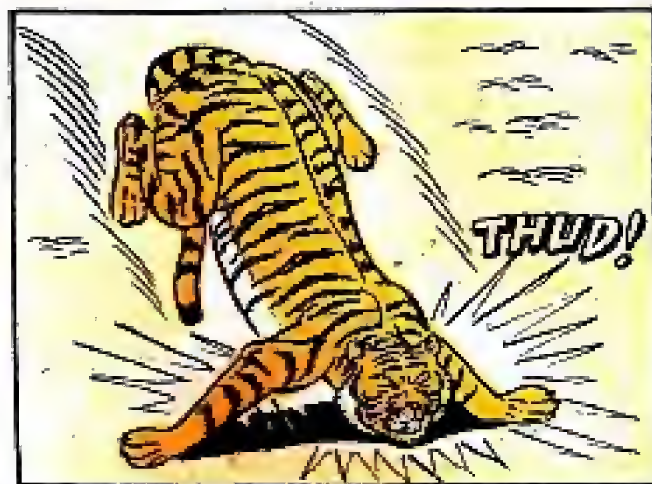
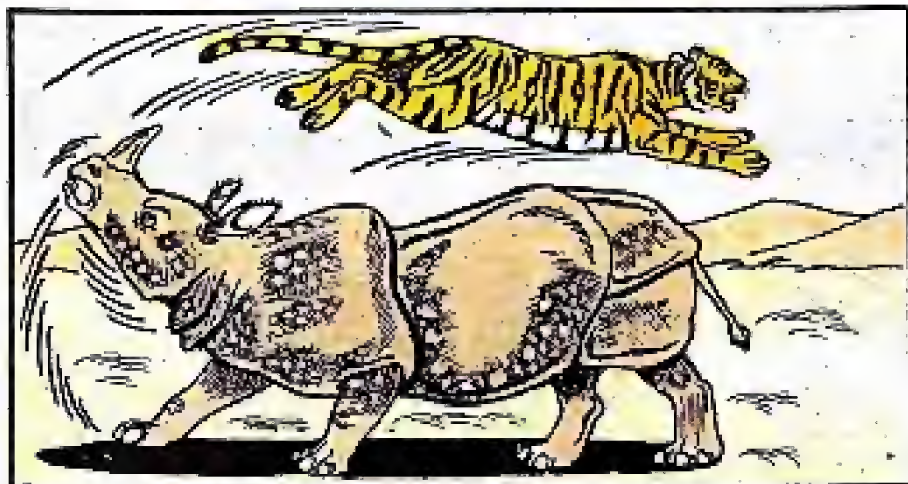
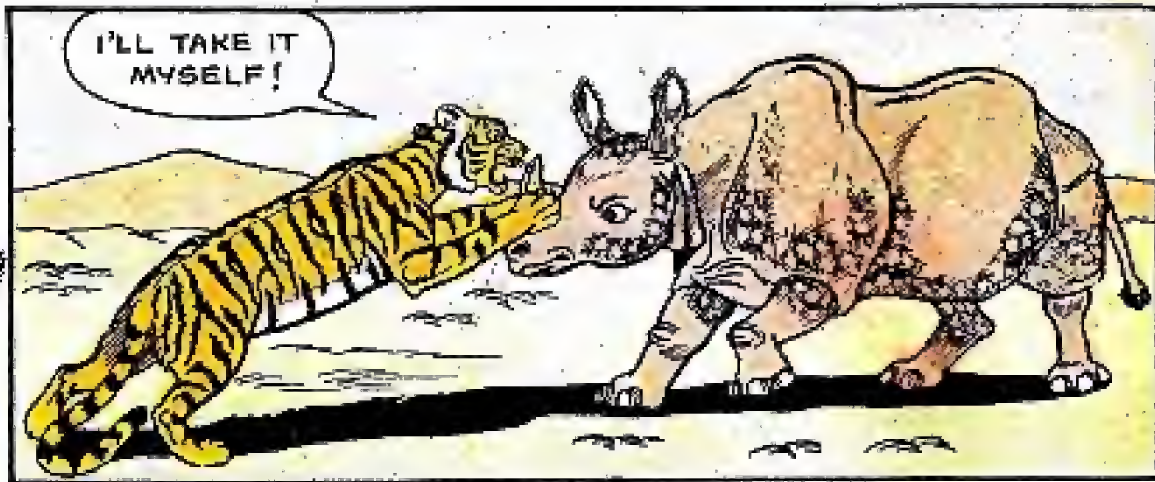
HMM... LEAVE  
HIM TO ME.  
KING INDEED!



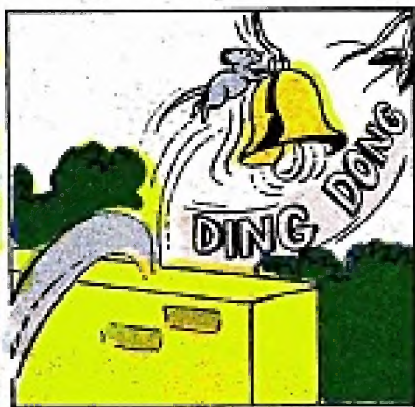












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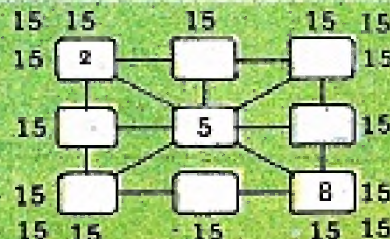
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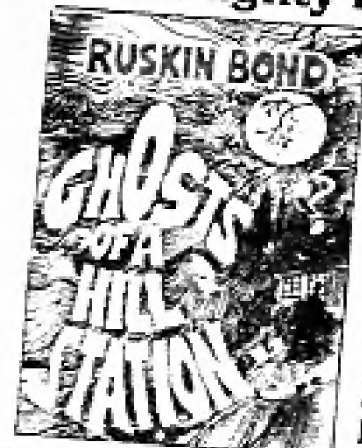
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Now I heard the car door  
open in the distance and  
Woof shouting as loudly as  
he could, "Ranjha, scent!  
Track! Arrest!"

I heard him and  
stopped. And put my nose  
to the ground and started  
meandering in search of a

scent. Yes, there it was.  
Very strong. A human  
scent. A female scent,  
mixed with a smell of paint  
and paper. Suddenly,  
wham! I was up against a  
football-sized object on the  
ground. It was the severed  
head.

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Just then there was a  
knocking on the door.

"Who's there?" I called.

Silence. And then, again,  
the knocking, and this  
time a voice, low and  
insistent: "Please let me  
in, please let me in..."

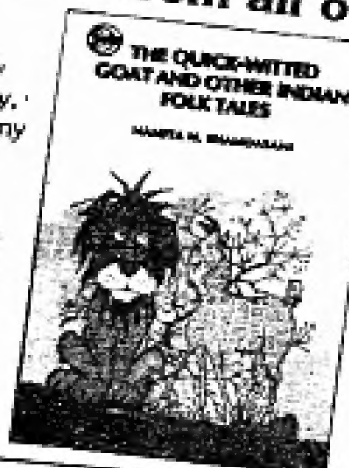
I stepped forward,

unbolted the door, and  
flung it open.

She stood outside in the  
rain. Not the pale, beautiful  
one, but a wizened old hag  
with bloodless lips and  
flaring nostrils and—but  
where were the eyes? No  
eyes, no eyes!

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folktales from all over India...

Gratefully, Buddhu  
walked out. And to every  
farmer he met on his way,  
he said proudly, "I hold my  
son's name in my fist."  
And then one of them  
wanted to see it. Buddhu  
slowly opened his fist. But  
alas! There was nothing in  
it! "Oh, dear," he wept.  
"It's fallen into this hay."  
And he promptly  
borrowed a hoe and began



to rake through the hay for  
the lost name.

A farmer's wife who  
happened to be passing  
that way stopped and  
asked Buddhu what he  
was doing. When he told  
her, she exclaimed, "It's  
simply stupid."

Buddhu was delighted.  
"You are right. I am so grate-  
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around it. 'Cos it's  
smooth rich caramel  
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waiting to be licked and  
licked and l-l-l-licked...



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